

THEY DENY 'EM ALL

Dr. Penwarden Scores the Hospitals for Not
NOTIFYING HIM OF DEATHS

By Accidents—Authorities Declare He Is
Notified in Every Case in Which
He Is Interested.

The death of Arthur B. Lawrence who died Thursday at the U. B. A. home from the effects of a gunshot wound received at the West Michigan fair grounds, led Coroner Penwarden to make some sharp criticisms of the physicians who practice in the hospital in this city. He said they perform post mortems on patients who die there after accidents before he has been notified, and that in the case of Lawrence he arrived at the hospital only to find that the body had already been taken to the operating room and subjected to a post mortem. He rebuked the physician severely.

The coroner said to a reporter yesterday: "This is a frequent occurrence at the hospitals. Whenever a patient dies there they rush him off to the operating room and on wheels I assure it is impossible for me to tell anything about the cause of death from the appearance of the body. The law plainly requires that the coroner must be notified at once of a death of this kind and must examine the body and say what thing it came with. It is often very difficult to do this. It is often known that the cause of death is not satisfactorily settled and unless the coroner of a jury sees it before it is cut up there is no chance to tell what the man died of. At the hospitals half the time they do not notify a coroner of a death and I know of two or three cases in years gone by where a patient has been buried before the coroner has been notified."

"This man Lawrence, who was killed by a gun shot at the fair grounds, was dissected, and his body removed to the undertaking rooms before I knew he was dead. Any number of men might be badly hurt and taken to the hospital and the coroner never hear of it except by accident. We hear of half the deaths there anyway through the reporters or someone else. The physicians there will get themselves into trouble if they don't be more careful."

attended Lawrence, was seen by a reporter for THE HERALD last night and said, in reply to the statement made by Coroner Penwarden: "The body of Lawrence was not dissected, nor did I make a postmortem examination. He died Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock."

Reopened the Wound.

At 10 o'clock that evening I reopened the incision made in the region of the wound for the purpose of tracing the course of the ball.

splen or a wound near it, I found that the mouse would not necessarily produce death, and the patient died from the shock and the consequent exhaustion. I was not aware that I was under any obligation to report the death to the coroner as the cause of the accident was plainly apparent to everybody. Lawrence was my private patient, and I do not think I was required to report to the coroner any more than I would have done if the patient died in a private hospital from a surgical operation.

Dr. Joy, house physician at the U. R. A. home, said to a reporter for THE HERALD last night that the statement attributed to Coroner Penwarden that a further case of this kind had not been a case here similar to those mentioned by Dr. Penwarden.

Always Been Notified.
Coroners have always been notified in cases required to be reported to them. Lawrence was not dissected here and the hospital had nothing to do with the case. The patient was brought here by Dr. Barth and it is supposed to be the duty of attending physicians to report necessary cases to the coroner. It is evident that Dr. Penwarden feels sore about something or he would not make such charges against the physicians.

Dr. Jeffrey, superintendent of St. Mark's hospital, said that during the year and a half she had been in the hospital the coroner had always been notified of every death in which he

Kent Fair Election.

"We have nothing to say in regard to the new officers of the Kent Fair society," said James Cox, secretary of the old organization yesterday. "There

nothing for us to do until the new officers take some action. They are the ones that must act on the offensive. The annual meeting is not to be held until December according to the laws of the society. When the newly elected officers make a demand for the books and records it will be time enough for us to act. When they do we shall surrender them or not as we think best. Of course if we refuse to give up the books, they can obtain them only by the order of the courts.

Will Lose No Money.
Aaron Brewer, treasurer of the Ker fair association, is sick in bed from cold contracted while selling tickets last week. Accordingly the meeting of the directors to settle up the financial condition of the new society has been postponed until Mr. Brewer is able to attend the meeting. It is thought by the directors that with the subscri-

Want the Noise Stopped.

West side residents have become tired of having their sleep broken by the ringing of bells, the blowing of whistles and the profanity of brakemen looking for lost coupling pins. Several hundred of them have signed a petition to be presented to the common council, asking that the noise be stopped. They also object to the re-

road companies blocking the street with cars while switching and making up trains. The companies are allowed five minutes' time at the crossings, and some of the residents claim that the train crews intentionally block traffic.

They want the freight trains made up some place else, and intend to carry a campaign against the present system.

REPORTS FROM THE FAIR.

Entries and Premiums Awarded by the West Michigan Society.

The directors of the West Michigan

The following is a list of the entries at the fair and the amount awarded in premiums:

Section A—Horses, 228 entries, \$1,042 awarded in premiums; nine special premiums awarded to the value of \$175.

Section B—Cattle, 263 entries, \$1,300

awarded in premiums; six diplomas were given also. There were sixty-eight more entries in this department this year than last.

Section C—Sheep, 191 entries, and \$607 awarded in premiums; nine diplomas were also given.

Section D—Swine, 105 entries, \$261 awarded in premiums. This was the best exhibit of any for years.

Section E—Poultry, 355 entries, \$200

Section F—Agricultural products, 372 entries, \$183 awarded; there were eighteen special premiums awarded to the value of \$61 and four diplomas given.

Section G—Fruits, 592 entries, \$309.60 awarded in premiums; five special premiums were awarded to the value of \$276, and fifty-five discretionary premiums were given.

Section H—Flowers, 191 entries

Section N—Needlework, 508 entries, \$332.50 awarded in premiums; for special premiums were also awarded to the value of \$40.

Section O—Art department, 182 entries, \$236 awarded in premiums.

Dog department, 175 entries, \$480 awarded in premiums, besides nearly as much in special premiums.

The total receipts of the fair were \$2,010.00 in premiums.

penditures have not been figured up yet, but the society lost no money.

Special Church Notices.

Progressive Spiritualist Society—
Morning: Questions answered. Evening: Short lecture on "Mediumship," and then demonstrations to prove it.

Mission Word Presbyterian—Morning: "Orthodoxy in Life." Evening:

"Christ the Mediator."
Unitarian—Morning service: "All
Ever Present God That All May Know."
Second Street M. E.—Morning
"Character, as Illustrated in the Life
and Death of Captain James D. Robins-
on." Evening: "The Essential Prin-
ciples of Success."
St. Matthew's—Afternoon: Good-by
services to old Mission hall.
Unitarian—Morning: "Revelation

Church of Christ—Evening, second lecture to young men. Subject: "Intellect and Its Education."
Grand Rapids Spiritual Association—Morning subjects taken from the audience. Evening, "Materialization."
South Congregational—Morning "The Law of God Concerning Divine Blessings." Evening, "Plain Reasons for Being a Christian."

Death of Smith Robens.
Smith Robens, who lived at No. 41 Jefferson avenue, died at midnight last night of cancer of the liver. He was 5 years of age and came to Grand Rapids early in the fifties. He served in the civil war in the Third Michigan engineers and mechanics and was a member of Custer Post, G. A. R. He left

Jaynes, Mrs. W. M. Smith, Fred Robens, Harry Robens and Maggie Robens. Mr. Robens was a brother of George Robens, the well-known horseman. He was engaged in the tubular well business until a year ago, when the first symptoms of the disease made their appearance. He was taken seriously ill about seven weeks ago, but the physicians were unable to diagnose his case.

Changes in Elks Hall.

Gladiators Return Home.
The Leondor Brothers, who have been doing their renowned gladiator brother act with the McMann show on the Pacific coast during the past summer, have returned to the city for a few weeks' visit at their home. They will take a trip through Europe (The

At the annual national convention of railroad clerks which was held in Philadelphia last week, E. Colman Leavenworth, of this city, was elected grand vice president at the national organization. It was also decided

The G. & L. railroad company has repaired the break in its tracks near Reed City, caused by the cloud-burst Friday, and trains ran as usual yesterday. The break in the Manistee branch is still open, and can not be filled for some time.

Will Matheson has returned from Chicago, where he has been studying dancing under Prof. Bonnegid. He will open his dancing school in Simon's hall on South Division street with an opening top October 5.

Small Fire in a Dwelling.
The residence of Mrs. Lyon at No. 108 Rockwood street was damaged by fire at 7 o'clock yesterday morning to the extent of \$25. The fire was caused by a gas jet. An alarm was turned in from box No. 16.

members has been organized by 11 young colored men of this city. The drill weekly under the instruction of Y. F. Blake of the Grand Rapids Transfer company.

W. R. Exhibit Summer Sketches.

The Social World of Grand Rapids Has
Ever Seen — How Society Will
Amuse Itself This Winter.

Soon the society season will be fully
inaugurated and open to all the
possibilities of modern social life. The

prophecy and properly so for it is the season when home life draw more tenderly and strongly. Each day witnesses the happy exchange of vows, some by the parental hearth, others by the church altar and still others more romantic in the modern Gretna Green.

Old silks, rich brocades, yellow jacks and antiquated jewelry are now being taken from oaken chest and iron-bound box to be refitted, though not changed in style for the occasion. The Misses Gage and Benedict have charge of the dresses and trunks now being

Mrs. W. F. Buikley, Mr. and Mrs. Anton G. Hodepyl, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hazeltine, Messrs. F. A. Gorham, E. Warden, P. C. Fuller, John A. Covode, Tableaux committee—Mrs. C. A. Parker, chairman; Mrs. Mary Kendrick, Mrs. J. C. Herkner, Mrs. E. R. J. Carpenter, M. J. Smiley, Misses Nell Miller, Marsh, Frances Pierce, Rebecca Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mendenhall, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mendenhall.

Mrs. S. L. Withey, Mr. and Mrs. T. Stewart White, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James G. M. Bride, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Perkins, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell Fair, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Piero, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corson, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Moore, Mrs. Fred Maynard, Mrs. W. D. Gilbert, Mrs. George E.

A. Crane, Mrs. G. K. Johnson, Mrs. T. H. Church, Mrs. Sarah Morris, Mrs. T. W. Strahan, Mrs. F. B. Gilber, Music committee—Mrs. E. F. Uhl, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Post, Mrs. Reuben Peterson, Francis Campbell, assisted by the hospital ten. Program and floor—John McQuinn, chairman; Messrs. Will Granger, C. Willey, Rowland Lowe, F. R. Aldrich.

The Peninsular club annual ball, is most exclusive event of the kind, was probably occur shortly before Lent. It has been the custom. The military balls have been given as late in the season as April, but more often they occur near the holiday time. There will be a number of grand dancing parties

Presented to the Court.
Tomorrow the resolutions adopted by the Kent County Bar association at the death of the late E. S. Eggleston will formally be presented to the circuit court.

Bowen With Command.
ARIZONA, Sept. 24.—Col. E. W. Bowen of the First Cavalry, M. R. T., will be

The house of Daniel Curran was struck twice and his air man seriously shocked, perhaps fatal. The house of James Quiner was struck and the beds covered with debris from the roof. The occupant were only slightly shocked.